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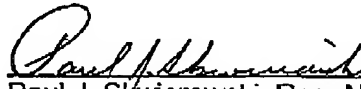
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Applicant hereby submits the attached AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE ( 18 pages) ; copy of 29 April 2004 SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ( 11 pages); copy of 29 April 2004 date-stamped postcard receipt ( 1 page); copy of 25 May 2005 AMENDMENT ( 17 pages); PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (1 page); and copy of 25 May 2005 date-stamped postcard receipt ( 1 page); for entry in the above-noted application.

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AMENDMENT  
AND  
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE

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Sir:

Responsive to the 15 September 2005 Office Action, the following  
amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

In accordance with the revised format of the manner of making amendments under 37 CFR §1.121 as set forth in the Final Rule effective 30 July 2003, each section of amendment herein begins on a new page, and changes are shown by strike-through (or double brackets where appropriate) and underlining to indicate deletions and additions, respectively. A complete listing of all claims ever presented in the application is given with the current status of each claim, and only the text of all pending and withdrawn claims is presented in full, with those not being amended herein being presented in clean version.